

**PROMOTING POTATOES** *same subject.* Potatoes planted in a dry soil, and in a warm climate, often fail in dry seasons, and even in a cool climate and good soil for this plant, they often suffer in time of drought. On the dry soils in this State the potato usually yields but a light crop, as we generally have a drought of considerable severity most every year.

One cause of light crops in a dry season, is the mode of cultivation. Potatoes generally have hills made around them so that in case of showers and light storms the water all runs off, and sometimes the surface becomes dry and forms a crust not readily penetrated by rain, so that in a storm of several days the water will not get down and thoroughly wet the roots.

A better mode is to plough very deep, plant deep, or low down, cover lightly, leaving a hollow around the hill, and in howing let this cavity remain, so that when there is only a shower the water will run to the plants and soak down around them. Those who have not followed this mode in planting, can in hoeing leave a concave surface around the hill to catch water. (*Boston Cultivator.*)

**ANECDOTE OF MILLER.** Mr. Miller, the great agitator, in one of his late discourses, told a very good story of how he read a lesson to one of his "no-work" followers, that made an impression upon his "latter man," no doubt. He said that a while since he had at his house several of his men, and among them a follower from New Hampshire, who boasted of having left his grain, &c., standing in the field, as preachers of the immediate second coming. The selectmen had tried to husband his crops, but his wife had driven them off. Miller said he remonstrated with him on his folly, but to no effect. The next morning, as their host, he called his friends to breakfast; but to the brother who wouldn't work, he just told him there was no eating for him in his house. He that won't work, neither shall he eat, said Miller to his man; and lo! he lost his breakfast—but found a harmonious commentary on his lazy doctrine of no more work!

**ANTIQUITY OF THE ODD FELLOWS.** Mr. W. English, in an address before the Tremont Lodge, of Boston, whilst commenting upon the unwritten history of the Order of Odd Fellows and the occasional glimpses of it at different times from the early ages, together with the legend that makes the primitive Christians its original members, remarked that "it was amongst these people that our English brethren tell us it was formed." Even the date of its institution, he says, is fixed with certainty, and upon the 55th year of the Christian era, is ascribed the honor. The emperor Titus, (A. D. 79,) gave the order the name of Odd Fellows as a pledge of friendship of their loyalty and fidelity, together with a dispensation engraved on a plate of gold having the various emblems which now characterize the association.

**Editor of the Louisville Journal,** accompanied Ole Bull to the Mammoth Cave. He says: "We cannot here omit to mention, that Ole Bull took his violin into the cave and gave us some of his noblest performances at the points most remarkable for their wonderful echoes. The music was like no earthly music. It seemed indeed superhuman. The whole company were as mute and motionless as statues, and tears, copious and gushing tears, streamed from every eye."

**All is not Gold that glitters.** No, not yet al-  
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a thin coat of silver wash. The finder, however,  
is not utterly without cause for thanks to his  
good luck—the dollars are worth some hundred,  
it said, as bell metal.

**Editor of the Western** *same subject.* A Western editor, who is an old bachelor, says: "We never cared a farthing about getting married until we attended an old bachelor's funeral. God grant that our latter-end may not be like his."

The words "pay the printer," it is said, can be arranged so as to read two thousand ways.—  
[Exchange Paper.]

We know of some folks, who seem not to have the hang of them, after reading them more ways than that.

**A TRIP OR SUMMER.** A voyage of pleasure round the World, is advertised in Hamburg, to leave that city on the 15th August. The route has been so arranged as to secure a continual summer to the voyagers.

An attempt was made to fire the office of the Portland Argus about 9 o'clock on Tuesday evening last, but some of the workmen being on the premises, discovered the fire before it had made much progress and put it out.

**Editor of the Western** *same subject.* The Rev. Mr. Harvey, a Baptist clergyman, 109 years of age, is still living at Frankfort, N. Y. and is engaged every Sabbath in the profession. He is the oldest minister in the world.

**Dr. Wistar's Balsam or Wild Cherry.** Now that this preparation is well known to be a more certain cure for incipient Consumption, Asthma, Liver Complaint, Coughs, and all similar affections, than any other remedy ever known, those will be, and now are, found those so villainously wicked as to concoct a spurious and perhaps poisonous mixture, and try to palm it off as the genuine Balsam. We raise no false alarm. An imitation appeared in Rochester, N. Y., last winter; and in other parts, another article somewhat resembling Dr. Wistar's Balsam in name is sold. We advise the public of these schemes, that their health may not be trifled with, nor ourselves plundered of our just rights. Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry is a new medicine, and more efficacious than any other known. We have the written signatures of such men as Recorder Tallmadge, Counsellor Williams, and John Power, of New York; H. Gouge, esq., Member of Parliament, and scores of others, to prove that it has cured Asthma, Bleeding at the Lungs, &c., &c., &c., after the physician's skill has ceased to benefit.

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